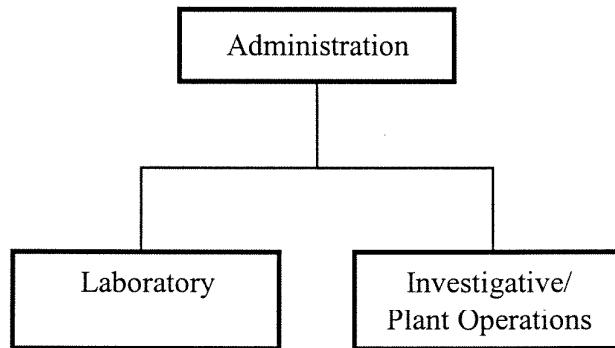


# Department of the Medical Examiner

**DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER  
(MED)  
ORGANIZATION CHART**



## **DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER (MED)**

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Department of the Medical Examiner is responsible for investigating sudden, unexpected, violent, and suspicious deaths. The purpose of such an investigation is to discover, document, and preserve the medical, anatomic or evidentiary findings which will allow the Department to determine the cause and manner of death, to identify the time of death and injury, to prove or disprove an individual's guilt or innocence, to determine or exclude other contributory or causative factors to the death, and to provide expert testimony in criminal and civil litigation.

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

To investigate violent deaths and those deaths that occur suddenly or unexpectedly when an individual was in apparent good health.

### **GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**

1. To maintain and improve a high level of competence in the field of forensic pathology.
2. To increase and expand knowledge of trends affecting the lives of the citizens of Oahu.
3. To fulfill licensing requirements for State certification by annually attending appropriate seminars and classes.

### **BUDGET INITIATIVES AND HIGHLIGHTS**

The proposed budget of \$1,052,591 reflects an increase of 11.0 percent over the current fiscal year. The increase is primarily due to funding of all positions and increases in current expense costs. The Department will continue to accomplish the following initiatives:

1. Provide changes to policies and procedures relating to child death investigation by participating in the multi-disciplinary child death review system.
2. Gather information about the aging process in Hawaii's Japanese male population born between 1900 and 1919.
3. Gather information about the extent of trauma-related deaths.
4. Collect and analyze data of traffic accident fatalities, drug-related deaths, and suicides with emphasis on prevention.

### **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	
		FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Average time required to complete all phases of Investigations (May vary from 3 Days to 3 Months)	DAYS	22	22	22

## DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER

### DEPARTMENT POSITIONS

	ACTUAL FY 2001	BUDGET FY 2002	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2003		
			CURRENT SERVICES	BUDGET ISSUES	TOTAL
Permanent Positions	17.00	17.00	17.00	0.00	17.00
Temporary Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Contract Positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	17.00	17.00	17.00	0.00	17.00

### EXPENDITURES BY APPROPRIATION UNIT

	ACTUAL FY 2001	BUDGET FY 2002	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2003		
			CURRENT SERVICES	BUDGET ISSUES	TOTAL
Investigation Of Deaths	\$ 947,388	\$ 948,265	\$ 1,052,591	\$ 0	\$ 1,052,591
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 947,388	\$ 948,265	\$ 1,052,591	\$ 0	\$ 1,052,591

### CHARACTER OF EXPENDITURES

	ACTUAL FY 2001	BUDGET FY 2002	PROPOSED FISCAL YEAR 2003		
			CURRENT SERVICES	BUDGET ISSUES	TOTAL
Salaries and Wages	\$ 771,700	\$ 794,281	\$ 868,177	\$ 0	\$ 868,177
Current Expenses	170,648	150,984	184,414	0	184,414
Equipment	5,040	3,000	0	0	0
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### SOURCE OF FUNDS

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE MEDICAL EXAMINER**  
**Investigation Of Deaths Program**

**Program Description**

This activity investigates the circumstances of all violent and obscure deaths by interrogation of witnesses, examination of the death scene, researching information, and conducting postmortem and laboratory examinations.

**Output Measures**

DESCRIPTION	UNIT	ACTUAL	ESTIMATED	
		FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
Investigations	#	1,421	1,350	1,350
Autopsies	#	448	500	500
Laboratory Tests	#	690	700	700
Laboratory Slides	#	1,659	1,500	1,500
Toxi Screen (In-house)	#	528	600	600
Toxi Screen (Sent out)	#	150	150	150
Bodies Transported	#	644	744	744

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